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TOPIC	Puetnitz Airfield	25X1
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1. On 12 June, no air activity was observed at Puetnitz airfield. Seven jet fighters were observed on the landing field northwest of the sheep farm. 25X1
2. A large brick bunker was observed near the Token-type radar set that was located on Haschenberg southwest of Ribnitz railroad station. It seemed as if the radar set was erected on top of the bunker. The operating personnel were quartered in this bunker. 2
3. Almost every day between 26 June and 17 July, there was air activity at the field. Intensive firing by jet fighters at towed sleeve targets was repeatedly observed between 0500 and 2100. Elements of two aircraft approached the sleeve target from the right and left side and flew at the same altitude. The first attack was made by the left jet fighter which curved toward the target, and at the same altitude, fired from various weapons while in a steep bank. After passing by the sleeve target at a short distance, the second aircraft made the same attack from the right side. The firing practices were made at an altitude of about 500 meters without tracer ammunition being seen. A MiG-15 was observed making a low-level attack along the coast. 25X1
4. At about 1300 on 11 July, no air activity was observed. A total of 20 jet fighters were counted on the landing field. At about 1355, 8 jet fighters were towed by trucks from the western end of the auxiliary runway into the hangars at the western edge of the field. 1
5. The Token-type radar set at the southern edge of the field was covered with a tarpaulin. High masts were placed about 200 meters east and west of the radar installation. 2
6. At about 1430 on 11 July, 4 airmen were playing in a ball game near the house on the northern edge of Damgarten Settlement. 25X1
7. Supply truck was observed in the field area. Truck occupied by an air force officer with a red brassard and 2 air force soldiers, moved to the airfield and, after a short time, returned from 25X1

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the field and proceeded toward Dangarten, now being occupied by 2 air force officers and a driver wearing air force epaulets. A light signal installation consisting of a triangular box of light metal with the tip pointing upward was fitted at the rear edge over the driver's cabin on the latter truck.

The box contained three electric bulbs: the top bulb was red and was mounted over a green bulb which was to the left and a yellow bulb which was to the right. The purpose of this signal installation could not be determined.

8. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 16 and 20 July 1955:

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16 July. At 1300, 6 jet fighters were parked on the landing field. At about 1530, 5 jet fighters approached from the east and landed in rapid succession from east to west.

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18 July. Between 1400 and 1700, firing at towed sleeve targets was practiced along the Baltic Sea shore between Warnemuende and Graal-Mueritz. One jet fighter towing a sleeve target repeatedly flew to the shore and then headed toward the Baltic Sea. After a short time, heavy machine gun firing and the loud noise of the engines of jet fighters was heard over the Baltic Sea. The attacking jet fighters could not be seen from the shore but, according to the noise, it was assumed that several jet fighters were involved.

20 July. At 0900, two formations of 4 jet fighters flying in V formation approached from the east at a very high altitude and circled twice over the field; then descended to a lower altitude and headed north. At 0930, 7 jet fighters taxied from the hangars at the western edge of the field to the dispersal area in the western section of the landing field. 1

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9. At about 0900 on 20 July, a diesel locomotive with 7 railroad tank cars and 1 flatcar moved toward the railroad station coming from the airfield.

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1. Comment. It is believed that Puetnitz airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. Firing practices at towed sleeve targets were repeatedly observed. Elements of the fighter division Merseburg had apparently transferred temporarily to Puetnitz since the jet fighter had previously been observed in Koether.

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2. Comment. The pin-point location of the Token-type radar set south of Ribnitz railroad station has not been determined because available information conflicts as to which hill is involved: triangulation point 24.8, Wolfsberg, or Haschenberg.

Individual masts near the Token-type radar set at the southern edge of the landing field have repeatedly been reported.

3. Comment. The purpose of a light signal installation on the roof of the driver's cabin of a truck cannot be inferred from this information.

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